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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James B. GODDARD et al.

Application No.: 10/037,219

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: PIPE HAVING WATER-TIGHT
IN-LINE BELL

Group Art Unit: 3679

Examiner: G. Collins

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, the period for response having been extended to May 21, 2004 by a request for a one-month extension of time and fee payment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.